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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

BAUDINO ET AL.

Examiner

Catherine N. Witczak

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-80, 82-86, 89-107 and 110-141 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-79 and 110-141 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 80, 82-86, and 89-109 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/12/2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –


(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 80, 82, 83, 85, 86, 89, 103, 106 and 107 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hofling (US 5,354,279). Hofling discloses in Figures 8 and 9 a delivery system comprising a cannula (212) having a distal end with a plurality of openings (28) having a curved passageway capable of directing a catheter (26) outwardly along a distinct trajectory; and a replenishment port (246).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are



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such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 84, 90, 91, 92, 93, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 104, and 105 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hofling in view of Cosgrove, Jr. et al. (US 4,533,346). Hofling discloses the claimed invention except for reading a parameter and level of signal to control liquid infusion rate, adjusting rate, and exceeding a maximum setting value results in indicative output. Cosgrove discloses a interfaced control scheme used in the prior art that adjusts a setting of infusion rates based on, multiple analog signal levels based on the drug or physiological parameters (col. 3, line 55 - col. 5, line 62). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the teachings of Cosgrove in the system of Hofling in order to achieve precise control of drug delivery to a patient. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use alarms and telemetry in the process control scheme in order to alert the user when maximum or dangerous levels are exceeded to provide a better level of control and to use telemetry to enable remote control settings to be established.

3. Claim 94 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hofling as modified by Cosgrove, Jr. et al in further view of Abbott et al (US Re. 36386). Hofling as modified by Cosgrove disclose the claimed invention except for resetting a timer when a parameter is changed. Abbott teaches resetting a timer when a parameter associated the flowrate is changed. (see para. (d) of claim 31). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the teachings of Abbott in the system of Hofling in view of Cosgrove in order to obtain additional flow information concerning drug delivery parameters to more precisely control the drug delivery profile to the patient.

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 80, 82-86, and 89-107 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Catherine N. Witezak whose telephone number is (571) 272-7179. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8-5 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Simons can be reached on (571) 272-4965. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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